



Brighten Bulletin

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7 Cs Decks

Our 7 Cs Decks were sent out via Remind and posted on our website in November. Because of the late distribution, only 1 activity is required for each "C" in order to get the Green Shirt at the end of the school year. Decks will be due on April 17th. To view the deck and the letter from Mrs. McDonald, visit our website using the following link:

<http://www.brightenacademy.com/7-cs.html>

1/6-1/15	Virtual Learning – All Students
1/11	Report Cards Issued Gov. Board Work Session 6 pm
1/18	Holiday
1/19	In-person Students Return to School
1/21	Reading Night 6-7:30 pm
1/25	Gov. Board Meeting 6 pm
2/8	Gov. Board Work Session 6 pm
10/12-10/13	Holidays
2/9	Lunch with Leadership 12 pm
2/15-2/19	Holidays
2/22	Gov. Board Meeting 6 pm
3/6	Volunteer Work Day 9-12
3/8	Gov. Board Work Session 6 pm
3/10	End of 3 rd 9 Weeks



Birthday Grams

Birthday Grams are available for purchase on myschoolbucks! There are three options:

\$5 – Shoutout during Morning and Video Announcements

\$7 – Shoutout and Dress Down Pass

\$10 – Shoutout, Dress Down Pass, and Brighten Water Bottle

The COVID-19 numbers in our community are growing at dangerous levels. It is even more important now to be diligent about safety. The Brighten case numbers can be found on our website using this link:

<http://www.brightenacademy.com/covid-19-updates.html>

Please read the following list of symptoms carefully. If your student any of the following symptoms please keep him or her at home until symptom free for 24 hours:

- Fever (100.4 or higher)
- Chills
- Nasal Congestion
- Runny Nose
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- Diarrhea
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Loss of Taste
- Loss of Smell

Athletics Updates

Basketball/Cheer

The basketball teams and cheer squads are excited to get the 2nd half of their season started. They are pushing forward through the many obstacles that playing during a pandemic can bring. We are so proud of our athletes for all their hard work!

The 7/8 Boys Team is 7-2 on the season and our 5/6 Boys Team is 2-1. Both teams are looking forward to adding some more wins this month!

Our Girls Team is 6-5 and is looking forward to finishing the season strong.

Soccer

We are looking to hold tryouts for Girls and Boys Soccer in February. More info to come via Remind.

Volunteer Hours

Congratulations to the following families who have completed their Volunteer Hours for the 2020-2021 school year (as of 12/17/2020)!

The Gilliam Family
The Billingsley Family
The Bonnet Family
The Gause Family
The Golden Family
The Finan Family
The Hollis Family
The Rainey Family
The Phillips Family
The Powers Family
The Hetisimer Family
The Njeru Family
The Marshall Family
The White Family
The Montgomery Family
The Martinez Family
The Williams Family
The Gordon Family
The Lewis Family
The Long Family
The Allen Family
The Allong Family
The Brennan Family
The Holliday Family
The Zagorin Family
The Courtney Family

The Ridley Family
The Kelley Family
The Williams Family
The Ackerman Family
The Kister Family
The Cellupica Family
The Velazquez Family
The Rowland Family
The Duah Family
The Rosa Family
The Freemont Family
The Moore Family
The Clena Family
The Crowder Family
The Lewis Family
The Rice Family
The Taylor Family
The Jones Family
The Boone Family
The Chabbouh Family
The Montanez Family
The Morgan Family
The Durham Family
The Elliott Family
The Alexander Family
The Carter Family

The Dennis Family
The Worley Family
The Garcia Family
The Hammond Family
The Sims Family
The Bridges Family
The Lee Family
The Witherspoon Family
The Padierna Family
The Newbern Family
The Weatherly Family
The Elliott Family
The Nardon-Chardel Family
The Stewart Family
The Taylor Family
The Dumas Family
The Lyle-Tidwell Family
The Jemison Family
The Morre Family
The Zaah Family
The Agyekum Family
The Carter Family
The Fraser Family
The Lopez Family
The Castillo Family
The Cetoute Family

The Dignan Family
The Kalos Family
The Ranne Family
The Wilder Family
The Armeno Family
The Blankenship Family
The Brown Family
The Few Family
The Hatfield Family
The Hires Family
The Obermeyer Family
The Asare Family
The Avery Family
The Charles Family
The Gilbert Family
The Gore Family
The Grissom Family
The Lowery Family
The Norton Family
The Orndorff Family
The Reaves Family
The Thames Family
The Timmons Family
The Wilson Family
The Wingo Family

Just a reminder that every family gets one volunteer hour for every day that their students participate in virtual learning. If you have questions on volunteer hours, please contact Pamela Scherer at pscherer@brightenacademy.com.

Media Center

Brighten families are invited to view our January-themed eBookshelf created by Mrs. Peterson. Students can listen and read books all about winter, New Years, and MLK Jr. Day.

<http://www.brightenacademy.com/media-center.html>



PTO

Brighten is dependent on support from our families more than ever before. If you have not a member of our PTO, we encourage you to join! If you are a member of PTO, thank you for your continued support. PTO news can be found on their website using this link:

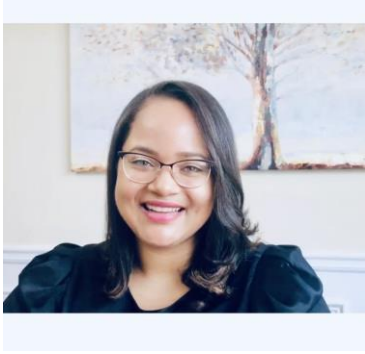
<http://www.bacspto.com/>

Virtual Resources

DCSS has a Virtual Calming Room resource available to support students, families, and staff in finding tools and strategies for managing emotions and feelings and building our resilience during this pandemic. You may access the resources by clicking the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/dcsga.org/dcsc-virtual-calming-room/home>

New Staff Spotlights – Kindergarten Through 2nd Grade



Natalie Jones **Kindergarten**

My name is Natalie Jones and I am very excited to join Brighten Academy this year as a Kindergarten Teacher. I look forward to creating many lasting memories at Brighten and I feel very grateful to be part of this amazing Crew!

Rachel Garner **Kindergarten**

My name is Mrs. Garner and I have joined Mrs. Freeman to lead the Busy Bees in Kindergarten. This is my 12th year teaching; ten years right here at BACS in second grade! My favorite time in kindergarten so far has been seeing my students beam with pride as they put together letter sounds to read for the very first time!



Brittney Mabe **1st Grade**

My name is Brittney Mabe and this is my 25th year teaching! I came to Brighten from Chapel Hill Elementary School and this is my first year at Brighten. I want everyone to know that I LOVE BACS! In my free time I love to spend time with my family.



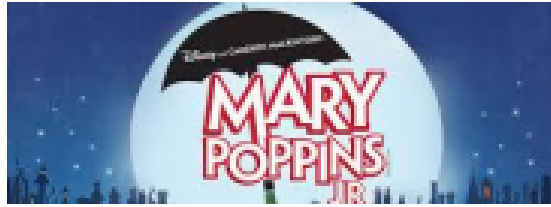
Briana Boatner **2nd Grade**

I am Ms. Boatner! I am a 2020 graduate from the University of West Georgia and this is my first year teaching. In my free time I love to spend time with family and friends and see new places. I am so enjoying being the newest second grade teacher at Brighten Academy! We are crew!



Brighten Broadway

We would like to congratulate the cast of the Spring 2021 production of Mary Poppins! If you are interested in helping with show production (props, costumes, set, videographer) please contact Toni Aybar at taybar@brightenacademy.com. We're looking forward to bringing this magical show to life!



CAST LIST

MARY POPPINS	Laura Pino
BERT	Ellison Lord / Roman Marr
GEORGE BANKS	Blake Ferdinand
WINIFRED BANKS	Madison Hackett
JANE BANKS	Isabella Finan / Isabel Threlkeld
MICHAEL BANKS	Judah Anderson / Molly Wallis
MRS. BRILL	Claire Craton
ROBERTSON AYE	Riley Orndorff
MS. ANDREW/ENSEMBLE	Kennedi Lester
BIRD WOMAN/ENSEMBLE	Iva Dunean
MRS. CORRY/ENSEMBLE	Ella Newsome
KATIE HANN/ENSEMBLE	Payton Baker
NELEDS/ENSEMBLE	Kaitlyn Rainey
STATUES/ENSEMBLE	Trianna Lankford, Jessica Sexton
CHAIRMAN/ENSEMBLE	Sebastian Hidalgo
MS. SMYTHE/ENSEMBLE	Emerson Markel
VON HUSSLER/ENSEMBLE	Matthew Crawford
JOHN NORTHBROOK/ENSEMBLE	Al Torres
HONEYBEES/ENSEMBLE	Asia Curry, Kayla Durham, Sofia Navarro, Kelli Rainey, Jordyn Surrill
ENSEMBLE	Christopher Daniel, Carolina Davis, Yahkai Gaston, Makayla Gibson, McKenzie Gibson, Kamora Harris, Taylor Stepter

School Picture Proofs and Retakes

School picture retakes will be offered on February 2nd and February 4th. Our 100% virtual students can come to school to have their pictures taken on either day from 10 am – 12 pm. Picture proofs from the prior session are scheduled to come home on January 19th and orders will be due on January 29th.

I Scream, You Scream...

Ice cream is returning to Brighten! Beginning February 1st, ticket books will be on sale for \$5 through myschoolbucks. Each book will contain 4 tickets redeemable for an ice cream treat. Students will drop a ticket into the cash box and get their treat from the freezer as they go through the lunch line. We hope you enjoy this “cool” addition to our cafeteria!

Arrival and Dismissal

We have many Brighten families returning to our campus for the first time this semester and we are excited to have you back! Please review the arrival and pick-up procedures below so we can arrive and dismiss safely and efficiently!

Arrival:

All staff and students will have their temperature taken and be given a health survey before being allowed to enter the school. Staff or students with a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or exhibiting **any** of the COVID-19 symptoms determined by the CDC will not be allowed to stay at school. Please make sure that students are not wearing hats and that the heat is not turned up high in the car as the thermometers are very sensitive and this can create a false fever and require temperature rechecks before students can be dropped off.

Students may arrive as early as 7:40 am on days they are scheduled for in-person learning. Parents and students will stay in the carpool line where a staff member will conduct the health screening at the vehicle. Please have your student(s) put on their masks before the staff member comes to the vehicle. **Parking and walking your student to the sidewalk or into the building will not be permitted.** Thank you for your patience and caution in our carpool line.

Students will enter the building at two different doors: media center doors and through the playground area to the doors under the breezeway to allow for social distancing.

Students will proceed directly to their homerooms when arriving.

Students may not bring drinks (coffee, cups with straws, open containers) into the school building. Closed containers with water will only be allowed. Proper hand and table washing will be required before and after students eat.

Dismissal:

*New dismissal times: Dismissal times will be staggered to allow for social distancing. The dismissal times are as follows:

- Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will dismiss at 3:10 pm
- Middle school (6th-8th grades) will dismiss at 3:40 pm

Other Notes for Dismissal:

- Dismissal pick up locations are spread out around the exits of the school to allow for social distancing.
- Parents are expected to pick up their students at the dismissal location.
- The pick-up card is required for pick up. Please be prepared to show the card to the teacher for every pick-up. Anyone without a card will be asked to go to the front office reception area with a form of positive identification in order to pick up a student.
- Only persons listed on the emergency contact list will be allowed to pick up students from the front office reception area.
- Please park in a designated parking space for pick up. Parking along the curb or in no parking zones is prohibited and greatly impedes the traffic flow.
- Please wear a mask when picking up students.

*Note--If you have students in elementary (K-5th grade) and middle school (6th-8th grade), please plan to pick up your K-5 student at 3:10 pm. You will need to return to campus at 3:40 pm to pick up your middle school student. We know this may be inconvenient, but we appreciate your cooperation as we work to meet the needs of all of our students.